

to cost us a lot more money in the long run and I'm afraid of that. I think that it probably will. But I do think that we do need a resolution to this problem of the constant turmoil and the constant friction between foster care and Social Services and I think this at least will take care of that. I agree with Senator Hillman. I don't think we will solve the problems for the children, but maybe it's the first step and maybe we can come back and work on it again next year. So with that, I would just urge your adoption of this amendment on Select File.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Coordsen, members of the body, I just want to stand in support of Senator Avery's amendments and also indicate my support for the legislation. I think Senator Schimek misspoke a little when she said that there was no...that this would create another agency or another bureaucracy. That's not true. Foster Care Review is in place now, and we simply give Foster Care Review the whole responsibility of taking care of these children. And I've been involved with all the discussions I think that Senator Schimek and Senator Hillman have been involved with and along with Senator Avery, and I think that...I mean, I think those discussions and little informal chats were done in good faith by everybody. And I think that the decision that we've come to with this amendment is the one that we should all agree with and then realize that in voting for the bill you're voting for I think a majority of the children in our state that are needing this sort of service. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Avery, there are no other lights on. Did you wish to close on your amendment? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the Avery amendment to LB 642. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Select File amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The amendment is adopted. Senator Maurstad, would you like to make a motion?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. President, I'd move to advance LB 642 to E & R for engrossment.